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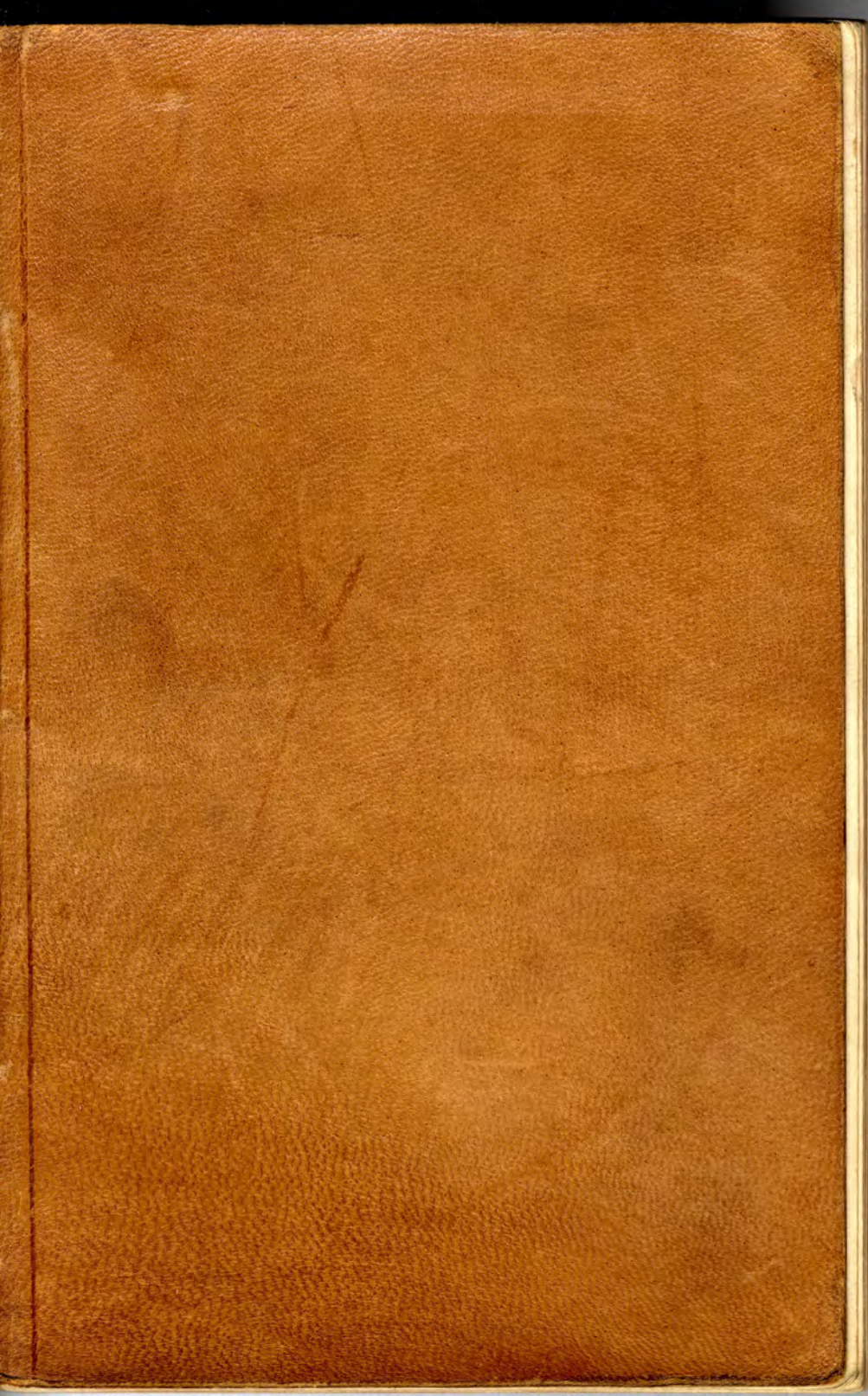
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Personal

Genl O E Babcock
ADB to Genl Grant
Northampton D.C.

If found please send to the
above address - (by express) and
gratefully oblige very truly yours

O E B

Sunday, Apr 14th -

Went to the office. Wrote a few letters.

Attended Church with Annie -

Went to the office again - Dunn in to see us. Dined with us. McGrooy in to call in the afternoon - Glad to see him. He is on his way to his dept.

Wrote a note to Miss Jessie Abbott. Also a line to Halsey. Sorry I cannot attend his wedding.

Went and called on the Galt and family at night - Pleasant call, met Gov Andrews of Mass - a very smart man.

Annie quite sorry to see us go away. Not decided whether she will go home or not. Well, goodnight.

Abraham Lincoln -

Monday, April 15th 1867.

Left W. 6:25^{am}. Per steamer for Richmond. Passed through Fredericksburg and other points along the route very formless during the war - Reached Richmond 2:10. Went to Spotswood.

Met in the Cars with Judge. Farnsworth, and Dr. Ray, on their way to W. B. to look after a gold speculation. Met Carr, a few ladies with the train. Found my old friend Melwood at the hotel. Also met Capt. Fiddler. Also Rypps of Kansas. - After dinner we went to call on Gen. Schofield - (Staff) - found

He thinks no permanent garrisons need be built before fall. He thinks that if the reconstruction goes on well he will not need but 1 Regt. by fall. Wants us to go to Lynchburg. He goes to Rich. Wash tomorrow. He visited the Camp of the 11th Inf. Camp Grant. Bob Emory in command. a beautiful camp - In the finest condition of any camp I ever saw. Cook house, stores, arms room. Officers quarters poor. Think diseases caused more by ill health than anything else. Met Pickens looking finely. Drove by Libby Prison. The bridge on Iron works and Church Hill - a splendid drive. Went to Long Rutbone. Called on Schofield in the evening. Also Dr. McShurp. Very pleasant. Schofield invited us to go to the Fort Monroe next day.

Met Mrs Alderdice & daughter. a fast
family. Met Mulford at the Hotel.
Spring much further advanced than
in Washington - very tired and
sleepy. Had good Russian very little
dorking.

Tuesday April 16th 1867,

Roily morning. Called on Cholfelt
found him very pleasant. Called on
Cousin Blount but found him away.
Met Dr Jaffrway - very pleasant.
Went to Dentist found him gone.
Called with Porter on Genl Brown - the
Freedmen's Bureau. He thinks the Freedmen
are not going with such men as Bonnet.
He went to Mrs Hancock's school. Saw about
50 children boys and girls - the brightest
girls ~~are~~ all yellow. or nearly white.
One girl will soon be a mother. The
brightest boy is a pure African. They
are making really good progress.
All shades of color from black
to white. They sang very well.
A few showers during the day.
The price our bill and left the

Spotswood 2.30. Had an Ambulance
Left Richmond 2.10. for Petersburg -
Richmond the most sensible Southern City I was
ever in. Road to Petersburg very rough
and poor - Passed by a number of junction
places. Could see the south bank of the
Appomattox river - Reached P. 3.20. Depot
on North Side of river - Took Omnibus to the
Bollingbrook House. Met Cane Stoneman
and Cane Correll. After dinner they took us
out to Camp 12th Infy. Not in a good con-
dition. Met Maj Woodruff - Capt Franklin. Capt
Gunn - Had a pleasant call on Mrs Franklin
a nice little lady. Returned to Hotel. After tea
called on Maj W. drank his champagne
Returning called on Frank Hager (C.S.A.) not
in. Found Porter's friend Jim May. His
mother a real old Virginian lady a
real Southerner. - Nice call. Returned to Hotel
and called on Mrs Stoneman & Mrs Carroll.
Pleasant call. Mr Platt called to see us.
Could hear of no stirring people - Some
complaints about soldiers clothes. Officers
quarters in a very shabby condition, a
very deplorable thing for the government.
Disturbances have been plenty. No reason
assigned unless general wandering
inclination of the men existing -
People will incline towards troops.
Sorry I could not hear from Anne

Wednesday April 17th, 67.
Left Petersburg 7 30 am. on S B Road for
Lynchburg. Passing over the old ground
Guthorns - Milsons. Black & Whites. Holaway
Burkeville - Farmville Appomattox Crt
and other sacred ground - But few traces
of the war. Could not see the Sumner
ground. Farmville looked very natural
How well I remember the night I spent
there - An old lady in the train with
two guns and an insatiable want
for water - a real character. For an
English tourist, passed over the High
Bridge near Farmville 127 feet high.
Reached Lynchburg 11 20 PM. The
 scenery after we strike the valley of
the James is splendid - Lynchburg
is built in the hills and has about
10000 inh. Gen Me Cox missed us at
the depot, but met us at the Howell
House. Took us out to Camp of 29th Inf.
Lt Col Bull. Maj Lattimer - Eugene Carter
and other officers - Saw a dress parade.
Troops looking well. Barracks a
miserable place to keep men. Said the
quarters the officers have to live in
not fit for horses or cattle. Mrs
Carter. Mrs Lattimer, Mrs Hiers -
Mrs Robt very pleasant ladies.
I do not wonder the people do

not care. They cannot respect people who
live so poorly. The blankets shoes, blouse
Humphreys & very poor, old cloth.
A pleasant evening at Gen Mc Coy
Met a number of ladies. Playe Gresham
Got beaten. Had a nice supper. Splendid
Dried Peaches - Reached the Howell
House by 12 o'clock. and in bed.
Very tired and sleepy. Health good. Wish I
could see my Pet. -

Thursday April 18th 1867.
Up at 6 am. breakfast at Howell. a
fine hotel. but I ever saw in Va. and
better than either in Washington.
Took a walk about the town. - and over
to the Central Depot. Left at 7 40. Same old
car - Slow tedious ride - Amused at the
monkey at Burkeville - No news in the
papers. - Reached Petersburg 6 PM mostly.
Very tired did not go on horseback to
the Crater - Found a party of officers
and their ladies at Bollingbrook
House. Left Day. Maj Tresselman. Mrs Bull
Mrs Tresselman and Mrs Day

Damn and his uncle in to see us.
Belle. Still in trouble about his trivets.
Has not reported. Hopes to go back onto
the staff. Fessenden told us May Merrill
is engaged to a Mr. Libby to be married
this coming fall. - None of the officers
seem to like Maj. Woodruff - The Darns
much prejudiced - Met the ladies -
very pleasant. Wrote a little letter to my
Dorothy - and sent her a kiss.
No news. Health good. In bed 10 PM.

Friday April 19th.

Good Friday. Anniversary of
Lexington - Left Petersburg 7:30 am.
Beautiful morning - Birds chiming
as we left - Passed along through
the old lines of works - Not much
change in the last year.
Reached Milton about 11 am.
Few people on the train - Road quite
good. Changed Cars at Milton - got
a better car. The country about the
under great deal more cultivation
than I had. A large number of buildings
going up along the road.

- Reached Wilmington 8 PM. No
time to look about the town. Genl
Porter concluded not to stop over. So,
we rechecked our baggage and
went aboard the Ferry boat. 9 PM
we left the Depot from the Belmont
opposite - A sleeping car on the
train as far as Florence. but that
necessitated our getting up 4 am.
So we passed the night in the car.
Health good. became a little tired.

Saturday April 20th

Reached Florence 4 AM. Changed
cars. - Left 5 am. Nice shower. No
dust Road very monotonous -
Vegetation good. Deal further advanced
than quantity of flowers - But very
little cultivation going on in this
part of S.C. Had a good breakfast
about 10 am. Reached Charleston
1 PM. Went to Mills House. After a
shave went to see Genl Sickles -
Saw Ediz. Moore. Colours &c &c.
Took a nice ride with Genl S. on
the Battery - good music - a number
of ladies present - Saw Parker,
Harris. Scott. Freedman & Benson

Saw Bob Tyler and John Upam.
A great many Tylers present. Some
fine looking. Ladies -
Found a nice letter from Annie
God bless her. She is quite well. Also
letter from Mr. Cooper & Co. -

Remained at the Mill House during
the evening. Very much disgusted
with the House. No green peas or string-
beans - Called on the Tylers.

Genl S. just as ever. He explained how
Genl Russel got the B.C. All of his
staff believe all he says. I think he is
doing well - in his Dist. - and ^{at a small} expense - He invited us to go to his
house and stay, but we did not like to
abandon him - so declined - invited the
children tomorrow - Read my letter from
home twice before I went to bed.

Very tired - our room changed a
little better.

To go to the Inspection in the morning.

Sunday April 21st 67

Very early. Attended the Inspection at
the Citadel City in command. Went
to the quarters in the Citadel - all very
fine - Men clean - and very comfort-
able. Officers think desertions have
occurred more on account of bad
men - and fear of sickness than any-
thing else. They are certainly in good
condition - Rose with Tyler to his depot,
as compact and nice as any I ever
saw - at a cost for officer, horse
and all \$1,000 per year. Expense of this
Dept I think quite small. Glad to learn
that Genl S. has concluded to send
ordnance the police into Blue - instead of
gray. Took a sail to Ft Sumpter,
nice sail - went all over the Fort,
Look about as it did one year ago.

Took Col Stubs buggy and drove to
the Arsenal - found Col Parker just
as usual. dry and odd. Took a
walk around - and returned to the
Hotel. Dined 3 PM with Rickles, Lt
Tyler, Brother Roy, Alon Porter and
myself - had a nice dinner and
a nice time splendid wine.
After dinner we rode out to the
Race Course and then to the Magnolia
Cemetery - a beautiful place

Saw the old "Curiosity Shop" The
place where so many curious things
were put the man must be crazy.
Mottos. Mosaic work. Statues. - Mosaic
is ~~of~~ ⁱⁿ ~~carved~~ ^{carved} ~~in~~ ⁱⁿ ~~wood~~ ^{wood}.

Spent the evening at hotel. called
again on the Tylers. also on Mrs. Burns.
Wrote a letter to my darling - sent her
a little flower - I wish I could send
her a ~~toy~~ ^{toy}. But the people gave
the ~~toy~~ ^{toy} ~~that~~ ^{that} to be. I wrote a
note - two good letters from Annie.
They will be much good - I hope she
will not go to Helena. - Herie a
toy to go to the P.O. with my letters.
Wrote to know Homer how a place though
I fear he may not fill the place at
3rd. Health good. Tyler gave me a
letter to the steamboat people - The officers
at the Citadel in poor quarters. Small
number of rooms - no sinks - some of the
officers out of quarters - The Citadel
should be kept by the military authority
as long as we hold the Country.

Monday April 22nd.

Left Mills House 6.30. Am. The Ambulance
did not come for us. We left the harbor
at 7. o'clock on Steamer Fannie. at a snails
pace. Passed outside by Sumpter Hoysner.
Gigg ~~at~~ ^{at} the sea smooth - though the
little bark rocked around a little. We
entered Helena Sound or Inlet - Reached
Beaufort N.C. about 3. PM. Much disgusted
at the delay. Beaufort was the first town
on the Coast, before Savannah or Charleston.
Was once a great place but the war has
given it a dilapidated appearance.
Met Carl Telf. late of the Signal Service.
He is now working a plantation on St.
Helena Island. Thinks he will do well. He's
little girl with him. a sweet bright child.
Met Dr. Shufly, as he is now at Boy Point.
They all think the Negroes - are going to
improve their condition very much. by
schools. That they will all vote straight.
We reached Hilton Head about 9.30 PM.
Could not see Hampton. Tyler's letter put
us all right with Capt. McNulty (?) so we
were taken off. Went to bed 10.30 PM just
we entered Seal Creek - Mean here -
Missed I was with Annie - Heretofore
no seasickness - Porter do.

Tuesday Apr 23rd 67.

Reached Savannah. 6 30 am. An ambulance with a chariot of a Contraband waiting for us. We went to the Pulaski house - after a wash and shave - took a breakfast - and a walk. Called on the P.M. Col Reynolds, met John Barlow, also Col Giddings and Major Stange - soon decided to go to Fernandina tomorrow with Barlow and then to St Augustine and Tallahassee. We found we were disappointed in the boat so decided to go by rail to Tallahassee and return by Fernandina. Visited Ogilthorpe Barracks, found it in a fine condition - men near. The guard house a poor place - should be replaced, the post should be always armed and kept by the government. But few distractions - from here. Only one company - no cases of starvation reported - The detaching of troops to go to plantations for protection of Freedmen - bad - Went shopping Purchased a straw hat, a dolls face for Barlow's baby, Met Bob Anderson. Had a nice dinner - quenched thirst with beer. Rode after dinner to Brunswick & Thunderbolt. Col Giddings and Major Stange. The old Cemetery as beautiful as ever - a nice shell road to Thunderbolt.

Not so much pleased with Col Giddings - Not much of a Soldier I think - Ogilthorpe Barracks - a good post, - Met Dr. Craven. His Prison Life of Jeff has spoiled his public reputation. His confirmation as P.M. and broken him up. Took tea at Pulaski House. Saw Dave White (ex Reb) - Had a good looking wife. Took 8 30 train. Went home. Barlow with us. Wrote a letter to my darling wife. God bless her. But few provisions, so we had plenty of room to sleep. Dyer on (leoc) came to the depot to see us off. Had a good day at Savannah -

Wednesday April 24th 1867.

Passed the day in the cars. Most of the time at Stations. None but freight trains run on the road from Lake City or Live Oak. The country passed over is mostly all low and a marsh every little way. with Cypress trees. Pond Lilies etc. Plenty of Blackberries ripe along the road - No dinner station. Plenty of Magnolias in this country. But little fruit of any kind cultivated, an occasional orange tree. I think the inhabitants about as overcast as any class I ever saw.

We reached Tallahassee 3:30 PM. The
country about Tol. more rolling - Is the
highest portions of the state. The Capitol
is built on a high place. beautifully
shaded with Live Oaks and other evergreen
trees. A rain and hail storm came on
about 8 o'clock - very cold for this climate. A
snow storm. We put up at the City Hotel,
a poor dilapidated old place - We got
a little dinner - and then called on
Lieut. Flint of the 1st Regiment.
Found him pleasantly situated - and
well but somewhat disgusted - at the
orders received - He complains of the
discipline of the men. He gave us a long
account of Hollister - and the trouble he has
caused in the regiment - He says Dix gave
an explanation - and believed Hollister innocent.
He met Ransom of the OMDpt. at the Hotel also.
Gene Mundy - the biggest bon I have seen for
a long time - But little sickness or disorder
at the post. Complaints of want of power to
punish soldiers - No communication with
the Head Quarters of the State except by rail road to
Jacksonville - Steamer to Picolata. And a
courier from there. It takes letters from 2 to 5
days - to reach Tallahassee - No telegraph line
yet. The Head Quarters at Tol. all broken up.
Some of Ransom's considerations - being a
senior of Dix but under him - 140

wishes to go to the Pacific Coast, -
He went to bed 10 PM. In a very ordinary
bed - Wish I could be at home instead of this
forsaken place.

Monday April 25th.

Breakfast 8 AM. Rode with Lieut. Flint to the
Hospital - an old church, very good place. Also
about the town. An old place, well shaded. a
few nice places. This should be the head one at
once. He visited the City House, the old dilapidated
building, but by the Territorial Government. The
Office in the building - The most curious
thing was a portion of an old armour (?)
found in the state - without doubt one left
there by the followers of Ponce de Leon. ^{Dr. Solo}
It is of iron - and very heavy. Strong enough to
resist a musket ball. Curiously wrought.
It must have been very heavy. The thing was
found by a negro plowing ploughing -
the owner of the slave set up a good
deal of it at his blacksmith shop.
We went to the camp or place where the
troops are - a poor miserable place it is

Barracks old buildings fixed up - very poor
for Reds - The Orders from Sprague are to
put all the ^{troops into the} storeroom. No more fit
to put troops into than a pig pen. Hospitals
and all along side the RR. He told Sprague
to hold on until we could see
General Sprague. Ransom gave us a letter to
Dr Johnson at Jacksonville asking
him to give us a good turnout to go to
St Augustine from Jacksonville.
- He met Geo Walker at the cars. He
says the people are willing to accept the
circumstances - and he apprehends no
trouble. Leal Hunt says there is but little
real suffering in the state from starvation.
He expected General Sprague to see him soon.
He did not see Mattie Blount. - He left
St Augustine Tallahassee 10:30. On the slow
train - and had a tedious run - He took
a lunch with us. But little variety in the
scenery. - Reached Live Oak 5 PM - and
Lake City - 7:30. Same lonely road - but
few people visiting trading - Lake City a
small dismal place judging from the
Dipot - He left LC 8 PM - Slept most
of the time to Jacksonville, where we
arrived 12:30 PM. Hired a boy to "tote"
our baggage to hotel - no carriages - Went
to Taylor's Hotel - About as poor a
show for a bed and slab as I ever saw

Health good - Miskue Jones with my
"Little Girl".

Friday April 26th 1867.

Up at 7 AM. Went to Office - Not a com-
missioned officer in the place. Left Paxon
at St Augustine. Dr Johnson went up the river
to Osceola with Dr Jackson. - The Clerk gave us
all attention. Sent us an ambulance
in which we rode to camp about one
mile - the next camp under charge of a
sergeant - one company of troops -
The Clerk gave us a buggy and two horses
furnished us across the river and we
started 11:30 AM for St Augustine.
One of the horses the ~~meanest~~ animal I
ever attempted to drive. He howed
out regular fish poles and thrashed the log
beast. I cursed the wretched master a
good deal. - The steamer St Marys had
gone up the river - and had not
returned. The road to St Augustine is
almost a dead end - Most of the way
a good road - He stopped a while and
fed - at a ranch just starting by
a curious old fellow - who was very
polite - He is a Northern man - was

nodding the Independents - He thinks
the people in the South too indolent to
amount to anything - By constant
feasting we drove to St Augustine by 6 PM
on 5-30. We passed a party of soldiers
building road - The sight of the spires
of the town did us much good -

We drove around the narrow streets
and at last met Jim Martin on the
corner of the street - He soon had our
trunks out and attended parcels.

We soon had supper. We put up
at the Florida House, and had a
nice time. I called on Miss Annie
Drummond - found her much better
- met Miss Rogers, a bright little girl.
Miss Annie much pleased to see me.
She thinks she is getting well. I hope
so. We were introduced to the officers of
the 7th regt - found Major Russell, & Mr
Logan about the best - We were much
pleased with the ancient look of the town.
The streets look like lanes and narrow
at that - We found an arrival that Col
Sprague had gone to Atlanta to see
Genl Pope. So under our chairs or
hairs for the Head Qu of the Dist of
Fla. Mrs Martin well and very
much surprised to see us - Mary
and Mrs Woodruff very pleasant.

Saturday April 27th 1867,
Up 2 30 am, Went to Martin's House. The
barber shop - an old servant of Mr Bennett
- father of J Bennett of the Ordnance Dept.,
Colonel Bennett. Went down with Jim to
see old Ft Marion - Built by the Spaniards
in 1750 to 55. It is a curious old fort built
of Coquina (?) a conglomerate stone of
broken shells and sand - easy to work
but quite durable - It is found on Anas-
tasia Island. The fort is a bastion work,
on a quadrilateral - It is perfect. Has
a demi-lune, Tenade, scorp & counter-scorp,
etc. It was covered with a ^{stone} cement.
- We went into the dungeons. Three or
four in number. One discovered in
1838. Said there to have contained a skeleton
- The workmanship in perfect, and very
beautiful. We saw an old gallery leading
some supposed to the Catholic Church. I
presume there may be galleries that are
not discovered. There are 18. old guns
- very rough and poor. The timbers are
not like ours on a line at right angles
to one passing through intersecting the axis -
No old record, or other arrangement
- The old cook should be repaired
and kept - as a relic of early times.
This town is the oldest one in the US.
It reminds me much of Quebec and London.

Panama. Along in front of the town
for three miles there is a sea wall
built of this stone or coquina - copped
with granite - The necessity for this wall
I cannot see. The inhabitants many of
them are Minorcans - descendants of the
old Spanish settlers. They seem to have
no business except fishing and hunting
shells - a large number of Negroes in the
town. Went to see Mr. Logan. Had nice time
watching the old monkey pick fleas of
puppies - and do other tricks - curious
enough to look at. He or she hates a
woman or female of most any kind.
He called on Mrs. Sprague - and were
invited to tea. - Went to head of the
District - Went to the old church. 100 years
old. The old Catholic (Roman) - Nearly
finished inside - some rough painting,
and some poor work. The church
focus on the Old Plaza de la Constitution.
- After dinner we went ~~we went~~ to
the old Monastery, now a barracks.
Nice place for barracks. Also the Cemetery,
where a number of officers are buried.
Jim Moran gave us a Belmuth's hat.
- My Russian gave us a whistle - piece
made of Abigdon's teeth - and gave
Morse at St. Augustine. About 4.30
I drove Annie Drummond out to

ride. Had a nice time. Attended
private. And after tea at the Hotel we
all went to see at level 1. He had
a "home come tea", a good deal of
style. Learned that Sonno is anxious to
be married to a Miss Sprague.
Went home after 9. Found in the
unusable car. One of Jim's soldiers shot
by himself I think - anxious to go tomorrow.
Jim told us how Sprague treated the slave.
Spoke to me about Cheverons for
Bryson & Artificer. Number of prisoners
now confined here. With to Holsey. Thought
I would write to Annie but knew my
letter would not go sooner than the
boat on which I should go. So I postponed
it by, to write on board the steamer.

Sunday, April 28th

Breakfast 7.30 am. Mrs. Martin at
breakfast with us. He left at 8.30, with
Martin and Logan. 4 on hand. The
drive pleasant - same level country.
Ground we passed over was dangerous
ground during the Indian war - a
number of officers killed along the
route. He had a pleasant ride
reaching Peolote 11.30. No steamer

Found a race of the prisoners who
escaped last night - Logan an old
soldier - was in Utah war, and was
surrendered by old Lynde - Dictator
in-law, he tells a hard story for Spie
to give over. Morin and Lyon stolen back
about 8.30 PM. Jim Martin the same good
hearted fellow - thanks to him for a very
pleasant stay at St Augustine - and no
bill - Mr Pololota we met an English
woman alone and making a tour through
the Southern States - she is ugly enough
to travel alone - but a thorough lady
well educated and very interesting
has brooded a great deal. More questions
to ask than any Yankee I ever saw -
Amused our selves watching the Dorkis
and talking - Mr Bravo - has two acres
of orange trees, 200 trees - Sour or wild
orange - trees to be grafted - cost 25 cts
each. He expects to realize 500 dols. a
tree in five years. He shall see to such
things I find always look well on
paper. Dictator arrived 8.30 PM.
and we soon got off.

Mr & Mrs Packe went on some boat.
After tea we reached Pololota about
9 PM. A small place. Soon went
to bed. Left Lexington very pleasant
fare to Christ Church. - Wish I could see Ann

Monday April 29th 1867.

Reached Jacksonville 8 AM. Did not see the
Comay officer or Gen. Went ashore a
few minutes, Left J. 12. M. The scenery
along the St Johns river. passed the bar
about 2 PM. and turned northward.
The sea like a pond. Even Porter not
sick. Reached Fremondine 4 PM. Passed
by St Clinch to New town. Saw Barlow's
house. He waited some time for John to
appear. Walked ashore. Small town. The
boat to wait until sunset. Then to go
train from St Marks arrives. The Capt promises
to take us up from a small boat.

Met Barlow and wife in carriage. He
rode home with them - Slow man. Slow
man slow place. Met May Lee, who is
in command. Difficulties still existing.
- Engineer house quite neat. - But little
more work on the iron account of the
want of money. - John wants to go North.
Saw John's little girl pretty and bright.
Left at sunset. As still as calm as we
could wish - a beautiful sun.

The Cedar Key & Fremondine RR. to be a
porch for a California line. All
very well - retired early. A few more
passengers - wished we had the looks
so pleasant at sea.

Tuesday April 30th.

Nolseys wedding day. We reached Savannah 6 Am. Beautiful morning, after breakfast went to Market - not in a number more passengers. No news in the papers. Left Savannah 9 Am. fine view of the Ft (Pulaski) and the old Spanish for a Mortello tower of concrete. Saw as calm as the day before. A delightful day. Read the papers - not much news - Passed Sumter Ingers Guggin and reached Charleston 5 PM. Carriage in waiting for us - and an orderly. Soon reached the Mills House. Met a number of friends, Tyler, telous. Blake & Co, &c.

Our mail has been sent to New O. too late - Good bath shave - drunk to Nolseys health. Called on Sickles. Had a pleasant call. Met Luck & Mc C of N & C S. were deconstructed - Could not hear of much suffering throughout the South - Tyler & Anne - nice supper. Wrote to Annie. Keetha good - Ray to go to Columbia with us - Sickles came about the 8 day just the thing - all young people like it - Ambulance ordered for us - Went to bed about 10 30 PM.

Wednesday May 1st 1867.

Left Charleston 7.30 Am. Rockwell at breakfast with us. A splendid breakfast. Small birds - shrimp &c. and a fine lunch. Thanks to Gene Tyler and Mr Ellis of the Mills House. Gave I came to this house. Met Ray & Mr Leary of the Ship Builder & Colony at the Depot. Purchased ticket to New Orleans via Atlanta Montgomery. Mobile \$42.50. Met ^{Rev} Mr Mc Clary of the 6th. Heard class, also a Mr Black & S of B. Did not graduate. Beautiful run to Branchville & also to Columbia. Reached Branchville at noon. Had our lunch, a fine one and a splendid bottle of old Guinness. Brimley. Leary wishes Gene Grant to go in and buy an Island Plantation 1500 acres for \$20,000 & 2500, the old one and to raise indigo. Gravel suits & Sea Island Cotton. The place will pay for itself in one year. Black wishes to sell us land and trust us. All the South for Confiscation. They need money or land more than corn. Country passed over, all sandy, and poor - a large crop put in. Plenty of cotton up - all report the Negro working well. The great trouble is the need of labor and credit. I think lands bought in the South - will pay, if judiciously selected. As we approach Columbia the country

ground more ~~rough~~ broken - until near
Columbia we strike the old clay.
Columbia a beautiful place. nice so
beautifully located, shaded - and spacious
- Sherman's destruction seems almost
useless. The adjutant S. J. Osglynn,
met us at the Depot. Went to the McKersons
House. A female Seminary. good
building for that. Troops under arms.
Made a fool of myself in the awkward
manner I attempted to receive a salute.
Rode about the town. To Arsenal Hill,
the Circular road &c. The Park in a
hollow but quite neat. Beautiful
view along the Congaree river.
Went to the State House, great distance
of material - several shots hit the
structure. The palmetto monument
beautifully & gracefully designed
by Sherman's men. Beautiful granite.
We met Gov Orr - Col Emery wishes a per-
manent post built on the old Arsenal grounds.
I think no permanent post should be built here.
The troops are quartered in an old church
- in bad condition. no mess house or cook
houses - no bunks or cots for the men.
Officers quartered in the College buildings
- too far from the men - Men will
suffer few few desertions - Emery no man
for the place - In my opinion -

Gov Orr called on us - He thinks the
great meetings of the colored men will
be bad if occurring in busy work time.
Met Ben Sloan. looks as if he had had but
little to eat for a long time - Country well
planted. Some crops expected. Gov Orr says
there are a great many suffering for food.
Also a great many who will have to give up
many acres of their crops - unless they can get
means to feed their hands and stock.
Alexander, S. & Gibbs - live in S.C.
Did not write to Annie -

Thursday May 2nd 1867.
Left McKersons 7 am. on the S.C. Road
Reached Branchville 12 M.
Left Ray to go fishing a short dis-
tance from Columbia. Had our
lunch with us - remains of the day
before. Left Branchville 1240. Road to
Augusta new to me - Country passed
over very similar to S.C. & N.C. - that
we had passed over. Sandy soil
Higher ground about Aiken and
thence to Augusta. Reached A
520 PM - Went to Planters Hotel
Kept by Mr McKersson - good home

Disappointed not to find Floyler
at Depot or Hotel, a note informs
us he will send his carriage for
us before 9 o'clock train.

We called on Genl. Sweeney - of the
Union notoriety, Found the troops
in good quarters. The Henry Hotel
still retained should be kept -
a number of desertions - bad men
Genl. S. thinks - Took a walk along
the streets, Took tea at Hotel - very
nice - plenty of strawberries -
Floyler's carriage ready to meet us
after tea, Mr H. very polite,
Reached the Arsenal about 8 PM,
Met Floy. & wife & Rockwell. Another
tea and strawberries. Did not find
a letter from Annie - wished I could
be with her. Had a splendid sleep.

Friday May 3rd

We visited the Powder Mill - Magazine
Arsenal &c. Had a nice walk -
Floyler has made a nice
ground of the Arsenal grounds
and turned the place into a
beautiful one - The Quarters are
nice - well fitted up -

Mrs Floyler without doubt a fine house
keeper - Had an elegant bath &c &c.
He had a splendid old fashioned visit
Royal Poker - Talked well, ate &c,
Saw the baby, a bright little child -
I think she is a strong minded woman
Dr. Habernham in to see tea with
us, He bid Floyler goodbye 7 PM -
Run into a tree - but little damage -
Reached dept in time. Met Mr. Scanner
of East Tenn - a nice talk with him.
A beautiful sleeping car on the road.
Good berth but slept poorly. My own
fault I suppose. Wrote a long letter
to Annie. God bless her.
Rockwell with us.

Saturday May 4th

Reached Atlanta 6 AM. Went to National
Hotel. Poor breakfast - Met Genl. Sweeney,
good room given us. Saw Mr. Scanner
again - Went to Genl. Pope's Hotel.
Received a long big mail from home
thanks to my Darling Wife - Had a talk
with J. Pope. He is the same Arctian.
He has made but little progress
in vegetation - Told him how we
found things in Fla. He said in
his usual way it will all be right.
He told him about his saying the

Head Quarters of the states were at the
Capitol. He replied "I have changed
his mind" He told him about the
Tennondium. He has sent Sprague,
He were pretty well disgusted with
his airy style. Inspected the barracks
with Rufus Norton, Genl D. and Lt
Hillsley (?). Latter gave us passes to Mrecon
and back. New barracks. Too small
officers quarters too few and poor.

Called on J.P. again. He asked
to be excused - He were glad.
He thinks he is going to put all
things right by putting a sugar on
each board - I doubt the propriety.
Rode and walked about Atlanta
Building fast. Rents very high.
Money worth from 5 to 10 per cent per month.
Wrote a letter to Annie - bless her.
Met a number of officers - all
polite - Saw Dr Getty - looks bad. Pope
wants Ketton I hope he may get
him.

Left for Mrecon 7 P.M. We
slipping Car. My Smyth of Kansas
with us. Some sleep late in the
night. - More pleasant time.

Genl Dunn. has little idea of the
duties of an officer. Though a splendid
gentleman - All well.

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Sunday May 4th.
Reached Mrecon 5 A.M. Went to the
House. Had a most filthy
room - and a very mean breakfast.
Received invitation to go to the
Barracks to attend Inspection. Crofton
sent an ambulance. Went out with
Smyth and Warner. Latter a graduate
- who talks altogether too much with
his mouth. However, the troops in
very comfortable condition indeed.
Chas Libbey, made the inspection.
The barracks was built by the Rebs
for an Armory or some such purpose.
It is a fine building. Should be
kept as long as troops must be
kept in Ga. - But few desertions.
Crofton a fine soldier. Libbey
Commands the State. A fine old
soldier - and a nice gentleman.
Officers quarters should be a little
better. Had a poor dinner - a good
sleep - rode to the barracks in
afternoon - to visit and hear the
music. Called on Mr. Libbey -
Mrecon has a beautiful country
around it - some clay out flows.
Large Central Depot. Libbey knows
of no authentic cases of sickness
dysentery but says there is much

suffering. In most places there is
as much trouble in maintaining
their animals while the fields are
in feeding themselves - A questionable
thing how far beyond saving life
this feeding chance goes.

Left Mobile 7 P.M. No sleeping car.
But few people. a good deal of sleep.
Had I have gone to Mobile -
Pieces of stilling in most Infantry
comps. -

Monday May 6th.

Reached Atlanta 3.30 am. Went to
hotel - Poor breakfast at the hotel.
Saw Gen. Dunn. No mail - Took train
for Montgomery. Raining day. Large number
of preachers on train going to Mobile
Baptist or Meth. One with image of
Prof. Church, a laughable resemblance.
Named Bachelor² - of N. Car.
Country passed over better than we
have seen - more cultivation - and
thrift - especially as soon as we
reached the valley of the Alabama.
Took dinner at West Point - a
mean little place, and a very mean

dinner - Waited here two hours and a
half - and then took train to Montgomery
- Raining afternoon and evening.
Country beautiful - Cotton looking
well indeed - People teaching their
children to despise Yankees. Saw a
case at West Point - North grade -
Reached Montgomery 1 P.M. Went to
Locking Hotel - a good house. gave
us a good room. Had supper
and went to bed. I did not write
to Anne.

Tuesday May 7th.

Gen. Swaine sent his card early.
Went to his office after breakfast.
and rode to the camp of the troops.
All in tents and quite comfortable.
But few buildings noted. Swaine
drove us to camp and around the place.
Found Swaine - Master of the place.
Met a number of his staff. Dr. Kipp
most attentive. Went up to the Capitol.
The place where Jeff Davis was
inaugurated president of the Confederacy.
The view from the dome beautiful.
Can see a long way down the
Alabama river. Concluded not to go
to West Point Selma - On to to Anne

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as much trouble in maintaining
their animals till the fields are
in feeding themselves - A questionable
thing now for beyond saving life
this feeding should go.

Left Mobile 7 P.M. No sleeping car.
But few people. a good deal of sleep.
Good I have gone to Mobile -
Pieces of Artillery in most Infantry
comps. -

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half - and then took train to Montgomery
- Raining afternoon and evening -
Country beautiful - Cotton looking
well indeed - People teaching their
children to despise Yankees. Saw a
case at West Point - Health good -
Reached Montgomery 8 P.M. Went to
Exchange Hotel - a good house. gave
us a good room. Had supper
and went to bed, I did not write
to Anne.

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bliss her, Swayne says there is
some storming but little. People very
bitter. But few desertions - some beautiful
residences. Great profusion of flowers -
Pomegranate, Cherokee Rose - &c. Some
beautifully shaded trees.
Dined with Swayne and an old fellow
Yule - knows Rawlins - Rode again
after dinner - Swayne has no doubt
of his ability to take care of the state.
Left on the 6 PM train for Mobile a
good sleeping car.

Pl. called to see Ball. met his brother
and also Choddy Reynolds -
Beautiful day.

Wednesday, May 8th

Awoke in Fla swamp, then to
change cars and go around the wreck
of yesterday's train - disgusted. Met
Ball - short chat. Went on a poor
train. Men took whiskey to prevent
malaria effects - nearly all took the
prevention - no breakfast - No Passes
through the town of Pollard's junction of the
R.R. a poor place. Reached the

Boat on the Texas about 8.
Good bank - muddy water. Poor RR depot
all slovenly. - Reached Mobile 11 am.
(Passed through the rail fortifications)
Went to Battle House, a very poor but
expensive place. Disappointed with the
appearance of the city. After a long walk
found Capt. Grison 6 PM 7 PM. very
polite. No suns - After dinner went to
Camp. Saw Col. Shepherd, and his adj.
A nice comfortable camp. Soldiers in
tents - Quarters being built - Plans changed
by the Am Dept - Men sleeping rooms over
their kitchen and messroom. Hence all the
smoke and scent comes up to their quarters.
Had a number of desertions - and no
reason assigned except bad men and
no pay - Did not see Hudson
as he was on a court martial - Col
J. grumbles much at his orders, and
wants them changed - He drove us to the
boat, the steamer Louise, of the Morgan
line - Nice boat, good room, - Difficult
to get out - But few passengers on board.
Saw the forts at the mouth of the Harbor, a
fortification difficult to command is Grants
Pass. Saw the forts but at a distance.
Much disappointed in the general appearance
of Mobile, its size - mentioned re,
many pretty places across the bay

Reminds me of Oaklawn - opposite
San Francisco. - Kris appeared on
me. I think the quinn I took in
the swamp caused him to come out -

Thursday May 9th

Woke up in Lake Ponchartrain - a
beautiful sheet of water. Reached the
landing 7.30. rush to catch for the train
to New Or. - waited until 6. o'clock train -
very short run to N.O. about 4 m -
- Soon saw we were in a city. sent
our baggage to Charles - Went then
to breakfast. and then found Gene
Harrison & his son. Gene then and all
the nice fellows on his staff - Gene
at once invited upon our going
to his house and play with him. He
did so long. Forests went with us and
sent our things to the house - He gave
us splendid lot of letters for us -
People at home all well and

quite happy - said Sawdell, Gillespie
etc. They wanted us to go to a
picnic, but we declined - wrote a
note home. and to Seth. Had a
splendid room at the House. Gene I.
Gene Jr. and his family run the Mass.
- Had all the attention we could have -
Spent the evening at the house - Anne
playing - Gene I. very busy, and a
great many busy people trying to
take advantage of him - The Fair is
splendid and other like things going on.
- He is busy. He was very tired and
went to bed early. Had a splendid
dinner - any quantity of wine and
good things - Received letter from Angell.
Gene I. to go to Texas Sunday. He thinks
of going also. Hope to get Sawdell
to go also to Brownsville and Matamoros
Mexico - Gene I. - made many very
pleasant inquiries after Mr B. - and
wished we had brought the ladies with
us. - invites us to come next winter with
them and he will go over to Havana with
us - I hope we can - Dr. Webb gave
me some medicine for the fever
took a nice drive with Sheridan on the
Spur Road and about the City.

Friday May 16th

Eme J. showed us his letters why
he removed the Mayor and Marshall.
and other officials - He is right
and plenty smart for the New Orleans
people. Tony, deep in love. Went
around the city some. Called on
Mr. Fighlight Morrison - The Gunter
called on us. - Nice dinner - Went
to a concert. Not much. Played Paul,
a poor quack it is. Nice visit all
day. Said that Jeff D. is released or
to be on. Said. Truly his visit -
great change in affairs. Judge Kelly in
the city. He called on all of us, -
very kind when night came.
Wrote home. to Annie - Started a letter to
Bordeaux. Had wine with Ash (?) Nice ride
in the evening -

11th
Saturday May 17th

Letter from home. Sawtelle to go with us
to Texas - Took strawberries with Gussie,
visited the place of the Riot of July.
Saw a number of the beautiful streets
around the city - The double rows of
trees very beautiful - Wrote my letter to
Bordeaux. Saw all the officers - Rode with
Lemby after dinner - went to Lake. Had a
little race, got beaten. our horse threw
a shoe. Went over to the Lake - saw the
Cauldery Plant. to blossom this year.
Had a glass of Krug - with a young sub
gentleman. Met Strong. Had a ride drive
through French town. Money Dept. Custom
House etc. Great Mass. meeting at post for
Mr. Kelly. Went with Tony, Lemby and Sawtelle
to the Casino - Had a box. Proprietor came to
see us. Treated us to a bottle of Krug.
Good entertainment. Barney Hart the
principal attraction - The Mystic Crew - and
the boys acting the best. Some good things
happening in path large and orderly.
No particular news. Rivers all gone.
Months to Palma and Vichy - Wrote home - to my
Pet

Sunday May 12 67.

After breakfast went to Office - read
our letters from home -
Inspected with Genl S. Grahams Battery
(Lieut Bolling Lever said) May Melonys
Inf. in fine condition - and the symmetry
of Cavalry - Lieut Lever said,
for Cavalry. - The inspection was in
front of Genl's house - a good sight
for me - in reconstruction. Went with
Crosby, through Sterling and back
to the Cock Pit - saw the Cocks -
and their fights - my cock got
whipped - Had some wine with
Sterling. Came back to see Genl -
busy with the Masonry Master,
Went to the Chase River - with Crosby -
- Too late to see the Chase River but
saw a horse race - Good many
people at the race course, male and
female. Looked in on a few
chances at Rouge & Noir - lost.
Made up a good story to tell the
people about the Chase River. Got back
in time for dinner - He took through
the Circle part of the City - Saw but
few beauties. Saw a plenty of ladies
in perfectly loose dresses - without
doubt very good but rather an
abandon air. A decidedly Ab.

Spent day, Had a splendid dinner
and took the Morgan Steamer Warlen for
Colchester, at 8 PM, - Sheldon, Crosby,
Ack, Sawtell, Porter and myself formed
the party. Good room. Nice start. a
number of passengers on board soon off -
The time at the Spanish Cock Pit,
was pleasant for it was new -
To the interest the old fellows take in
the fight - Mostly Mexicans or Central -
a few Americans for curiosity sake,
a good deal of betting by all. The
men that handle the Cocks show a good
deal of skill.

Monday May 13th

At 12.15 AM found ourselves well up
into a Bay or plantation - not able to back
off - as they came but could not pull us
off. 45 miles from New O. Pilot drunk or did it
purposely. - Keys and boats could not get us
off. Mr Capt & Mrs Bascom. & Mrs Croel
on their way to join Capt at Colchester. Mr C. was
a New Jersey boy. of Hingham Ct.
was once a pupil of mine. Have some
little ceremony. Genl. O. sent for the
boat Ellen Morse. A very tedious
day - to all. A new boat arrived at

dock. Commenced to transfer all
the freight and passengers.
She arrived - I slept on her.
Sawyer, Censley and Ache went
to a plantation - gave sleep - the
mosquitoes might be terrible -
No sleep - a miserable day.

Tuesday May 14th. 67.

Went with Sheridan and Porter to
visit Ft. St Philip and Jackson. -
Made the Inspectors furnish them strong
places. Ft. St. on west side of river has
a very heavy battery 160 guns of low
water place. Poor miserable quarters
for men and none for officers -
except the Engineer building - no officers
living at the fort - one company of
Colonel troops - dirty - bad police - no
drill - all work - a very strong place.
Water ditches all around - some grass still
on the plain - among them Mrs. DeLafayette.
The fort will soon be cut off if there
is not something done to improve


the encroachments of the river - Works sus-
pended on the prospect. St. Louis was
up to New O. Crossed over and made a
visit to Ft. Jackson. A strong place but
not as large as St. Philip. The Comdr
officer - an old soldier - Now a Captain
the Colonel right quartermaster, post fence
- has assigned and should be acceptable
for the Magazine - Powder all spoiled.
High tide runs into the Magazine. Some
great condemnation - I think, that it is so
low. Went to the hospital - better than on other
side - very poor quarters for all. The national
cemetery - on this side. Had some splashes
on my - could see the Gulf of Mexico
about 3/4 of a mile from the fort.
- Should be some high barracks built.
- Called at Telegraph office - saw a pretty
female operator - man orange - rain
- back to the scene of the accident. Still
moving baggage. Time to pull her off. Fair
and 8 P.M. Retired on the Morgan -
Passed the mouth of the river - about 12 o'clock. I
was asleep. - no mosquitoes here yet.
- Sorry I could not hear from him.

Wednesday May 15th
Breakfast off ship. Shovel Light -
Pleasant day at sea. Not sea
sick - None but ladies sick -
Played cards - and had a pleasant
day. Plenty of wine at meals -
Killed game -

Thursday May 16th
Went up near wharf at Galveston Texas
went ashore - first stop in Texas -
Went immediately on board the Steamer
St Mary for Brazos de Santiago -
and put to sea - The entrance to the
harbor of Galveston - he seemed to run
along the shore of the City for a
long time - a very easy harbor to
defend. Sea splendid - Motored nicely by
people on the Steamer - Met one of the
old Scouts Barry - very polite -
Healthy - Wish we had the ladies
along. Had a little sea sick - Made good
time.

Friday May 17th
Reached Brazos de Santiago - terrible rain
thunder and lightning - drove to Brownsville,
Barry with us. Good ride - but
muddy. Saw Reynold. Britton (or
Borkin) &c. Passed over the
battle field of Rio San de la Palma and
Buenavista - Brownsville quite a city.
Passed through a portion called the
Spanish portion - Put up at Miller - a
splendid place. Could see Matamoros.
Beautiful night - Had a long talk
with Rodol - some trouble as usual
- Slept well - Passed through Brazos -
Temporary quarters blown down - by the storm,
being used as storeroom for grain -
Order quite sea sick. Will shrimp.
St Marys to wait for us till Sunday noon.

Saturday. Inspected Camps of
Colonel Corcoran, Artillery, and Colonel Smith
11th Vol Regt. - all in good condition
- Fine battery - horses beautiful -
Two companies. Colonel Corcoran no officers
but with detailed - New barracks - not
the model or plans submitted - but the same
objections as at Mobile - Remain of old

St-Brown - and Officers quarters
Noting howling water  - Old Reynolds
a nice old fellow - but not up to the
Cunning of Borden - Howell - in trouble,
Head between Rindol's battery and the
11th Colonel - This regiment of course,
should be mustered out,
Went to Matamoros with Rindol. Saw
Johnny Clark (Don Juan) - Magan, Jim Gilman
etc. Plenty of wine & and liquor,
Met Mr Stark of N.Y. Herald - Saw
a number of Officers - notices - The
Mexican soldiers - dyed - dirty.
Saw them us. Shopped a little too dear.
a few articles for once compressed
mostly my purchases -
Wrote to Anne open, accepted.
Dined at Millers - Sawtell - Rindol.
Stork, Porter and myself - nice dinner.
Called at Storks - splendid people -
Sawtell very polite and attentive.
Matamoros - an old Mexican town -
See the windows and doors like iron
with heavy iron bars - so that they
can be entirely open at night -
on account of heat.

Have to pay for a passport to get out of
Matamoros - The streets are now neat
and good - Not very hot.
Went to the town in evening - saw the

Opera Don Pasquale. A light house, the
opera boxes or loges were about as
the seats that ~~are~~ ^{were} occupied - Not much
phonon. Ladies dressed in extreme colors.
Met Gen Barizable - Comd the State of
Tamaulipas (?) - He was at theatre with
his mistress - Don Juan Clark drunk,
Had a nice time at Matamoros - and
Brille. glad I went there

Sunday, May 19th.

Started 7 am. for Linares - poor
mules - side seat all the way - a
bare arrangement -
Left Linares. Reached Monterrey: 12.30. to
1. Started at once - Lloyds ^{now} not arriving
still in sight - a number of passengers.
Barry saw us off. gave me a
Maximillion dollar silver - Sea rough
- on, in the trough all the way.
Zornthal once a little - Porter stood
it well - glad to be homebound
bound. - Capt Talbot very
polite. A number of ladies on board.
Sawtell stood it well - a little sore

Monday May 20th

Reached Elkhart, Va. PM -

Met Griffin - Porter, Nash. "Fat Andy"
+ + Had a good supper. Spent the
evening at Griffin's. Met Hoyt.

- + + Pleasantly Cool - Entrance to
Elkhart tortuous.

Wish a horse, Herkbyood. Porter a
little under the weather.

